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To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease a portion of the Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center for use as a visitor center for the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 25, 2005

Mr. LUGAR introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Dorothy Buell Memo-
5 rial Visitor Center Lease Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”
 2 means the Porter County Convention, Recreation
 3 and Visitor Commission.

4 (2) LAKESHORE.—The term “Lakeshore”
 5 means the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore.

6 (3) LAKESHORE CENTER.—The term “Lake-
 7 shore Center” means the visitor center for the Lake-
 8 shore authorized under section 4(a).

9 (4) MEMORIAL CENTER.—The term “Memorial
 10 Center” means the Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor
 11 Center located south of the Lakeshore boundary on
 12 Indiana Route 49.

13 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
 14 the Secretary of the Interior.

15 **SEC. 3. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may enter into a
 17 memorandum of understanding with the Commission to
 18 establish a joint partnership with respect to the manage-
 19 ment of the Memorial Center.

20 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—The memorandum of under-
 21 standing shall—

22 (1) identify the overall goals and purposes of
 23 the Memorial Center;

1 (2) describe the allocation of management and
2 operational duties between the Secretary and the
3 Commission with respect to the Memorial Center;

4 (3) identify how activities of the Memorial Cen-
5 ter will be funded;

6 (4) identify the parties responsible for providing
7 amenities at the Memorial Center;

8 (5) establish procedures for changing or dis-
9 solving the joint partnership; and

10 (6) address any other issues determined to be
11 appropriate by the Secretary or the Commission.

12 **SEC. 4. LEASE AGREEMENT.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—After entering into a memo-
14 randum of understanding under section 3(a), the Sec-
15 retary may enter into an agreement with the Commission
16 to lease space in the Memorial Center for use as a visitor
17 center for the Lakeshore.

18 (b) STAFF.—The Secretary may use employees of the
19 Lakeshore to provide visitor information and education at
20 the Lakeshore Center.

21 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

22 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
23 retary such sums as are necessary to carry out this Act.

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